



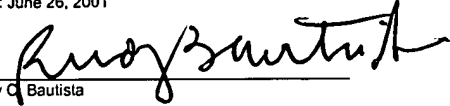
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Applicant: ELDRIDGE ET AL.

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Title: Lithographic Type Microelectronic Spring Structures With Improved Contours

Art Unit: 2839

Examiner: Son Nguyen

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated May 29, 2001, the Applicants respectfully elect the 1<sup>st</sup> embodiment identified by the Examiner (i.e., corresponding to Figs. 1A, 1B, 2-3, 5A, 6, and 16A), without traverse. The list of all claims readable on the elected species include Claims 1-21, 25-27, 38-41, and 48-64.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,



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